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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) [[The]] A pipette device for retaining a pipette at any one of a plurality of positions relative to the device, the device comprising:

a housing including pivot sleeves;

a nozzle assembly for accepting a pipette, the nozzle assembly pivotally coupled to the housing; and

a pivot selector on the housing to adjust the position of the nozzle assembly,

wherein the nozzle assembly includes pivot bosses rotatably retained in the pivot sleeves and an indexing surface engageable with the pivot selector,

and further wherein the indexing surface includes at least two pairs of holes, with each pair spaced from each other pair, and ~~of claim 12 wherein~~ the indexing surface is bisected and each pair of holes further comprises a pair of indents.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) A pipette device for retaining a pipette at any one of a plurality of positions relative to the device, the pipette device comprising:

a housing defining a device axis;

a nozzle assembly for accepting a pipette;

a pivot mechanism for pivotally coupling the nozzle assembly to the housing, the pivot mechanism having a first portion for coupling to the nozzle assembly and a second portion for pivotally coupling to the housing, the pivot mechanism defining a pivot axis about which the nozzle assembly rotates relative to the housing; and

a pivot selector on the housing for retaining the nozzle assembly at a selected rotational position.

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19. (New) The pipette device of claim 18 wherein the second portion of the pivot mechanism comprises:
- a pivot boss pivotally couples the pivot mechanism to the housing; and
- an indexing surface engageable with the pivot selector.
20. (New) The pipette device of claim 19 wherein the indexing surface includes at least two pairs of holes, with each pair spaced from each other pair.
21. (New) The pipette device of claim 20 wherein the indexing surface is bisected and each pair of holes further comprises a pair of indents.
22. (New) The pipette device of claim 19 wherein the housing comprises a pivot sleeve for rotatably receiving the pivot boss of the pivot mechanism.
23. (New) The pipette device of claim 22 wherein the pivot boss and the pivot sleeve are generally frustoconical.
24. (New) The pipette device of claim 18 wherein the housing comprises an ergonomic grip.
25. (New) The pipette device of claim 19, and further comprising a plurality of indexing nubs engageable with the indexing surface.
26. (New) The pipette device of claim 18 wherein the pivot selector includes a slidable release having at least one projection for engaging the pivot mechanism, and a spring for biasing the slideable release to an engage position with the pivot mechanism.
27. (New) The pipette device of claim 18 wherein the pivot axis is transverse to the device axis.
28. (New) A pipette device for retaining a pipette at one of a plurality of positions relative to the device, the pipette device comprising:

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a housing;
a nozzle assembly for removably engaging a pipette to the housing; and
a pivot mechanism pivotally coupled to the housing and including a portion for engaging the nozzle assembly, wherein the nozzle assembly is rotatable relative to the housing in any direction.

29. (New) The pipette device of claim 28 wherein the pivot mechanism includes a first portion for engaging the nozzle assembly and a second portion for pivoting the nozzle assembly relative to the housing.

30. (New) The pipette device of claim 28, and further comprising a pivot selector for retaining the nozzle assembly at a selected rotational position.

31. (New) The pipette device of claim 30 wherein the pivot selector includes a slidable release having at least one projection for engaging the pivot mechanism, and a spring for biasing the slideable release to an engaged position with the pivot mechanism.